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*New Claims and Claim Count*

Claims 39-48 are canceled herewith.

Claim 26 is canceled herewith.

Claim 35 is canceled herewith.

That leaves claims 25, 27-34, 36-38, a total of 12 claims, one independent.

New claim 49 is directed to a tire, and is similar to claim 25.

New claim 50 is similar to claim 28.

New claims 51-55 are similar to claims 30-34.

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Claims 49-56 total 8 claims, one independent.

The total is 20 claims, 2 independent.

*Conclusion*

In view of the examiner's restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present the non-elected claims in a divisional application.

Favorable examination and consideration are respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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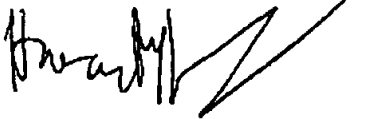
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